

Our Former Pastors...



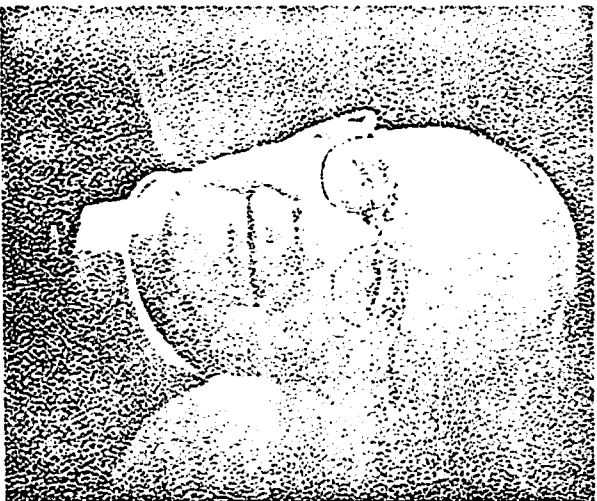
MSGR. JOHN M. MANION

1945 — 1950

MSGR. WILLIAM P. CONLEY

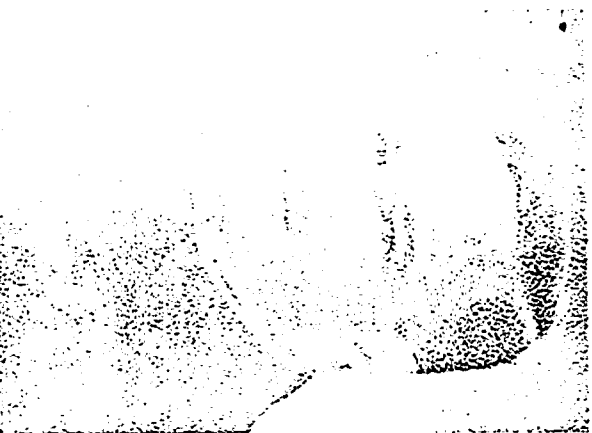
1950 — 1955





REV. TIMOTHY M. HOWARD

1955 - 1963



REV. RICHARD P. CROWLEY

1964



REV. FRANCIS J. CLOHERTY

1965 -- 19--

The Parish Council...

The purpose of the Parish Council is to create, inspire and demonstrate leadership and enthusiasm in and for all matters relating to the spiritual and temporal affairs of Holy Family Parish. It also serves as a medium whereby any and all members of the Parish may voice their views. It further serves to promote the best interest of the Parish and make recommendations for its good management and proper development.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD 1970 - 1971

Rev. John P. Cosgrove, Pastor
Mr. Charles Stiies, Chairman
Mr. John T. McGarigal, Vice Chairman
Mrs. William Dixon, Secretary
Mr. John McDevit, Treasurer

DELEGATES - AT - LARGE

Mrs. Dennis McGann
Mrs. Edward Devnew
Mr. Arthur Fernandes
Mr. Paul Hendrikus
Miss Heather McCarthy
Mr. David Guilderson

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Mr. Edmund Dondero - Administration
Mrs. John Spence, Jr. - Christian Service
Mrs. William Behr - Communications
Vacant - Parish Activities
Dr. Laurence Vienneau - Religious Education
Mrs. Eleanor Murphy - Spiritual Development

Rev. Francis Cloherty, Ass't. Pastor

DUTIES OF THE DELEGATES - AT - LARGE

It will be the duty of the Delegates - at - large to actively learn of the thinking and feelings of the members of the Parish in order to give a voice to their views as well as suggest constructive response that might fulfill the needs of these members.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

ADMINISTRATION

This commission concerns itself with assisting the other commissions through financial guidance in developing responsible commission budgets. It is also designed to assist the Pastor with the general administration of the Parish and in the area of fund raising and the development, design and maintenance of a proper and useful Parish Hall.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The purpose of the Christian Service Commission has been stated as "The promotion and coordination of programs that will assist all God's children in their human development and fulfillment." In the short period of time that this commission has been in existence, it has actively identified some of the social problems of the parish and the community. This commission has with the cooperation of other churches and community agencies in Duxbury worked toward the fulfillment of its purposes.

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COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications commission publishes six times a year a Parish Newsletter containing articles on current problems, notices of coming events, Parish Council activities, and letters from parishioners on many subjects. This commission is responsible for handling the publicity in the local newspapers for the activities of all other commissions. In addition to assisting the Nominating Committee in formulating printing and mailing biographies of prospective candidates for the Parish Council Executive Board and printing elections ballots, the commission also this past year conducted a Parish survey through a questionnaire on matters of interest to the entire parish, the results of which were published in an issue of the Newsletter.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

This commission concerns itself with promoting the social activities of the Parish in order to promote a spirit of friendship and parish unity. In addition the commission oversees the activities of the various youth groups within the parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The role of this commission is to provide a wide range of programs which will effect the lives of all the members of the Parish and the Community. Since Christianity is an Adult commitment of Love, we have placed particular emphasis on Adult continuous education. The aim of the commission is to instill faith through an awareness of Christ's life in your lives through involvement with your brothers in Christ.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the Spiritual Development Commission is to help develop the parish as a community of the people of God. This development is accomplished by helping the members of the Parish better understand and to participate in the beautiful liturgy of the Church.

How It Began...

Since 1908 when Kingston became a parish, Duxbury was served as a mission by the priests of that parish, assisted often by the Fathers of the Divine Word at Miramar. Mass was said in houses and in halls until 1934 at which time there were about 200 winter parishioners and up to 1000 in summer. In June of 1934 the cornerstone of the present church was laid.

On November 21, 1945 the then Archbishop Cushing designated Holy Family a parish church and named Father John M. Manion, (now Reverend Monsignor Manion), a native of Plymouth, its first pastor. He had an uncommon awareness of the place of the laity in parish life and encouraged their participation in all phases of its organization. To quote his reply to our letter:

"On the Feast of the Presentation in '45, Duxbury was presented with me as its first Pastor. A cute church, all paid for, but no rectory. Since my own home was in Plymouth, ten miles away, I chose to stay there, coming to Duxbury every morning and afternoon. I arranged one of the sacristies as an office, and there I met the thousands who came each day!!! There were 50 families, some not attending church, some attending Episcopal services. I took the census up twice the first year. After two years of this I decided a rectory had to be built then and there, although the Cardinal wanted me to wait a while longer (for construction costs to go down!!). I wanted it to fit in with the other Duxbury homes-shingled. The basement was fixed up as a Hall and there the Women's Club, the Holy Name Society, the Sunday School met. My first collection came to \$16. and after paying the housekeeper \$15. I had that extra dollar to spend as I wished! Just when the house was finished, my mother died, so much of the furnishings came from the house in Plymouth and that was a saving. I ran the bus each Sunday and so got a number who wouldn't have come except for it. And I got most of those going to Miramar. It turned out to be a lovely little parish and the people, both Catholic and Protestant were friendly and helpful. Our weekly whist, many Protestants among the players, helped considerably and I got to know a lot of them. When I left, after 4 years, there were 121 families and we were getting by nicely, financially, and I think Catholics felt that they were firmly established as a religious group in the town."

Leaving behind a devoted group of parishioners Father Manion proceeded to greater responsibility and Father William P. Conley (now Reverend Monsignor) came to Duxbury.

Father Conley writes us that he liquidated the small debt and purchased a public school adjacent to the church, being especially interested in acquiring the land. The Board of Selectmen was most gracious and helpful. A loan having been negotiated, papers for the school transfer were passed on Ascension Thursday.

For the spiritual development of the parish, Father Conley wanted to obtain qualified teachers for the Christian Doctrine classes and secured three Sisters of Divine Providence from the faculty of the Sacred Heart School in Plymouth to assist him and several lay teachers. The Holy Name Society and the Catholic Women's Club which also embraced the Sodality were most helpful.

After a devoted service of five years and great accomplishment, including the beginnings of ecumenical talks with the other Duxbury clergy, Father Conley was transferred to a busy Boston parish and was succeeded by our third pastor, Reverend Timothy M. Howard.

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Father Howard continued our sound fiscal policy and once again through his efforts, we were out of debt. He realized that our material situation needed attention and proceeded to install a new boiler, black topped the parking space, covered the remaining kneeling benches and installed a much needed new organ.

He instituted the Legion of Mary which continues still to be of great spiritual value to the parish.

After seven years Father Howard was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church in Beachmont and Reverend John P. Cosgrove was welcomed here.

Father Cosgrove who came to us from St. Clements Parish in Somerville, has been an inspiration to all the parishioners who have come to know him and love him. During his stay as our Pastor he has done much to develop an active parish. When he first came to Holy Family he undertook the large task of completely renovating our church into the beautiful and modern surroundings that now prevail. He was also responsible in convincing our beloved late Cardinal of the need for an assistant to take on the many tasks involved in a growing parish.